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For: METHODS OF PREVENTING  
AGGREGATION OF VARIOUS  
SUBSTANCES UPON REHYDRATION  
OR THAWING AND COMPOSITIONS  
OBTAINED THEREBY

Examiner: M. Davis

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 3), for which a response was due on May 22, 2002 and for which a 1 month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from May 22, 2002 to June 22, 2002.

## RESPONSE

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement between: Group I, claims 43-47; Group II, claims 48 and 50-52; and Group III, claims 49 and 50-52. The Examiner has also requested an election of species.

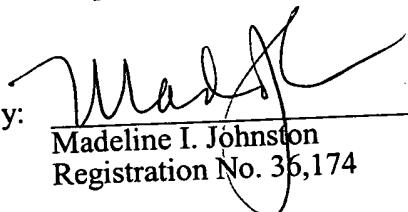
Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 48, and 50-52), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicant also elects the species of aluminum hydroxide.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 263742000201. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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